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Docket No.: 0032-0254P  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Hiroyuki SHIMIZU et al.

Allowed: N/A

Application No.: 09/530,013

Confirmation No.: 7256

Filed: April 24, 2000

Art Unit: 1655

For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE  
DEGRADATION OF BRAIN NATRIURETIC  
PEPTIDES IN A SPECIMEN COMPRISING  
THE USE OF CONTAINERS MADE OF OR  
COATED WITH SILICONE OR PLASTICS

Examiner: R. J. Gitomer

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM  
ISSUE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.313 (c) (1-3)**

MS Post Issue  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petitioner hereby petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue. The Issue Fee in this application was timely paid on April 24, 2006.

It is requested that the above-mentioned application be withdrawn from Issue for the following reason:

☐ Unpatentability of one or more claims, which petition must be accompanied by an unequivocal statement that one or more claims are unpatentable, an amendment to such claim or claims, and an explanation as to how the amendment causes such claim or claims to be patentable (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(1));

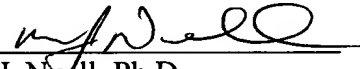
☒ Consideration of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114 (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)); or

☐ Express abandonment of the application. Such express abandonment may be in favor of a continuing application (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(3)).

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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